

## BASE BRIEFS VIOLATIONS RISE ON BASE BEACHES

Game wardens issued one citation Wednesday at Surf Beach bringing the violation total to 16. During Memorial Day weekend four sets of footprints racked up three violations at Surf and one at Minuteman Beach. The maximum limit at Surf Beach is 25 violations. The maximum at Minuteman is five. When the limit is reached, the respective beach will close until Sept. 30, the end of the Western Snowy Plover nesting season. The open-area boundaries are clearly marked and base officials will issue citations to people who enter closed areas. Normal beach hours for Wall, Minuteman and Surf beaches are Friday through Monday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information regarding beach access or status, call the Beach Hotline at 606-6804.

## PEACEKEEPER HITS, MINUTEMAN READY

Team V successfully launched an unarmed Peacekeeper intercontinental ballistic missile Monday at 1:01 a.m.

The Peacekeeper carried 9 unarmed re-entry vehicles approximately 4,800 miles to a predetermined target at the Kwajalein Atoll.

An unarmed Minuteman III ICBM is scheduled for launch from North Vandenberg this morning as part of the Force Development Evaluation Program. The six-hour launch window is from 1:01 to 7:01 a.m.

## TOPS IN BLUE NEEDS PEOPLE

The Air Force Tops in Blue needs a bass guitar player, bus driver and truck driver. Participants must be on active duty. For more information, call the Services Center at 605-8974.

## SLOT OPENS FOR DORM MANAGER

The 30<sup>th</sup> Support Group needs a staff sergeant to serve as dorm manager. This is a two-year controlled special duty. Applicants must provide a letter of recommendation signed by their commander and copies of their last three performance reports. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Brian Joseph at 606-2990.

## HONOR GUARD NEEDS SENIOR NCO

The Vandenberg Honor Guard needs a volunteer to serve as NCO in charge of the team. The position is open to Vandenberg senior NCOs. The NCOIC manages up to 60 people. Applicants must be able to balance normal duties and honor guard commitments. For more information, call Capt. Brian Holbein at 606-1542, Ext. 3219 or 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Sandra Quinones at 606-3653.

## CLOSURE ALTERS BASE ACCESS

El Rancho Road is closed until June 14 for drainage and road repair. During the closure, Titan Gate is open for access to North Vandenberg.

## LOMPOC CHAMBER SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

The Lompoc Valley  
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## Summertime thrills



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN APRIL MUNIZ

Brandon Parker (left), 11 and Bobby Calhoun, 13, grab some air above the "bowl" at the skate park Tuesday afternoon. Safety equipment such as helmets, elbow pads and knee pads are mandatory when using the park.

# Skateboarders: *Dead isn't cool — it's cold*

BY MASTER SGT. TY FOSTER

30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing Public Affairs

It's summertime, and the living is easy — unless you're a skateboarder who doesn't like to wear protective gear because it isn't cool.

Ask Jameel Alkadhimi.

At 28 years old, he was older than the typical skateboarding crowd. Maybe that was why Alkadhimi decided to hit the new skate park early Saturday — to practice some moves without people laughing at him if — no, when — he made a mistake.

The Daily Oklahoman reported that sometime between 5:30 and 6 a.m., the skateboarder fell striking his head. He

stood up for a moment. Then he collapsed.

His unprotected skull was fractured from the bridge of his nose to the back of his head.

When he arrived at the Oklahoma University Medical Center, doctors put him on life support.

While Alkadhimi wasn't using Vandenberg's skateboarding park, his accident punctuates the vital role protective equipment plays in skateboarding and skating.

"We've had several injuries — all resulting from falls — that required emergency response," said Lt. Col. David Cannon, 30<sup>th</sup> Services Squadron commander.

One young man, he said, split his chin and required several stitches to close the wound.

"We've had three or four fractured wrists and bones," Cannon said. "Luckily, those injured were wearing the proper equipment or their injuries could have been much worse."

Quality of life was the No. 1 reason for building the \$500,000 skate park and arena.

Now that they're open, safety is the No. 1 priority, Cannon said.

"That's why we're so strict when we ask skaters to leave the park when they aren't wearing the proper safety gear," he said.

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

A mural located in Lompoc depicts soldiers saluting a field of flowers planted as Old Glory. Team Vandenberg is invited to attend a special Flag Day ceremony June 14 at 11 a.m. at South V Street and Ocean Avenue in Lompoc to celebrate the nation's symbol of freedom.

## Central Coast celebrates Flag Day

### 20-acre flag offers scenic backdrop for re-enlistment

BY MASTER SGT. TY FOSTER

30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing Public Affairs

■ The 20-acre U.S. flag of flowers at Bodger Field in Lompoc is ready to bloom in time for the June 14 celebration of the nation's banner. In a show of patriotic pride, Vandenberg's top leaders will join distinguished guests, speakers and citizens during a special Flag Day ceremony at 11 a.m. at South V Street near Ocean Avenue in Lompoc.

Col. Robert M. Worley II, 30<sup>th</sup>

Space Wing commander, is delivering the keynote speech and Command Chief Master Sgt. Mike Morey is reciting a tribute entitled "I Am The Flag."

The Vandenberg Honor Guard will open and close the ceremony by posting and retiring the colors.

The Lompoc Pops Orchestra will play patriotic tunes before, during and after the ceremony.

Planted in March as a tribute to the victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the field of red, white and blue larkspur flowers is one of only a few in the nation. The planting was carefully timed so the field would be in full bloom for the Flag Day ceremony.

Prior to the 11 a.m. ceremony, armed forces members from all service branches may re-enlist with the 20-acre flag as a backdrop to their ceremony. Others may attend and recite the Oath of Enlistment to reflect the commitment to their nation's defense.

The wing commander will issue the Oath to those gathered.

Those wishing to re-enlist at the overlook should meet at 9:30 a.m. at Miguelito Elementary School located on West Olive Street in Lompoc. They will travel by van to the overlook for the re-enlistment which begins at 9:50 a.m.

For more information, call the Public Affairs at 606-3595.

## AWARD RECOGNITION FEATURE ARTICLE

The *Space & Missile Times* will recognize all unit and individual Air Force-level awards that Team Vandenberg has received for 2001.

The deadline for submitting award information for this feature is June 28. Publication is

slated for July 12. Late submissions will run on a space available basis.

For information, call 606-2040 or e-mail award information to [space&missiletimes@vandenberg.af.mil](mailto:space&missiletimes@vandenberg.af.mil)

## Edward's Eagles 'save day'

BY 2<sup>nd</sup> LT. TONY WICKMAN

Air Force Flight Test Center PA

■ **EDWARDS AFB, Calif.** -- Two F-15 Eagle pilots unknowingly helped the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department break up a gang-related incident May 18 while performing a flyby at the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Torrance Armed Forces Day parade.

According to Sgt. Brian Stover of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, the parade, which was to include the F-15 fly-by, was in progress when an individual began shooting in a park near the parade.

"When the deputies arrived, they questioned some locals and were pointed to a couple of suspects," said Stover. "The deputies took the individuals into custody, and then the family and friends of the victim came out to get some vigilante justice."

According to the sergeant, the park erupted, and people started attacking the deputies and the suspects. The deputies called for assistance, and more than 40 law enforcement people responded.

About that time, Lt. Col. Bill Thornton, commander of the 416<sup>th</sup> Flight Test Squadron here, and Maj. Carl Schaefer, also of the 416<sup>th</sup>, approached the area in preparation for their flyover.

"The first pass over the park made everyone stop and look at the F-15s," said Stover. "When they turned and made a second pass, it caused everyone to scatter and empty out of the park, much like when you turn on a light and roaches scatter."

Stover said because of the flyby the deputies avoided having to deploy a skirmish line, and said the Edwards crew helped deputies deploy without force or further injuries.

Thornton later said that he and Schaefer did notice the police cars in the park, but were unaware of the events taking place on the ground.

"We have a saying in the Air Force that 'timing is everything,'" Thornton said. "We are thrilled that our flights, although inadvertent, were able to help the police restore order and prevent further violence."

## ATWIND takes players on whirlwind trip of fun, prizes

BY 2<sup>nd</sup> LT. MICHAEL SONTAG

392<sup>nd</sup> Training Squadron

■ And we're off. Around The World In Ninety Days kicked off Monday at the Services Center.

ATWIND is a virtual adventure where players travel to different destinations around the world. Upon reaching a specific destination, they are then entered into the drawing for that destination's prize. There are five destinations: Scott AFB, Ill.; Vandenberg; Hickam AFB, Hawaii; Kadena AB, Japan; and Rhein-Main AB, Germany.

The goal of the ATWIND program is to increase awareness and participation in programs, services and activities throughout the command.

The program runs from June 1 to Aug. 31.

"I have great expectations that people will learn more about the people-oriented programs that Vandenberg offers," said Lt. Col. David Cannon, 30<sup>th</sup> Services Squadron commander.

Most importantly, he said, people should have fun playing the game and winning prizes.

This year's grand prize is a choice of a Ford Escape, Ford Ranger or Ford Focus. Other prizes include: vacation packages, cash prizes, DELL computers, digital cameras, music systems, color

TVs, T-shirts and services gift certificates.

A special feature of ATWIND is its base-to-base competition, Cannon said. Space command bases will compete against each other for \$55,000 in quality-of-life money.

If the base wins first place, the money could go toward quality-of-life projects such as a portable rock-climbing wall, Cannon

said. "Last year we did very well, taking third place in the command," said Col. Robert M. Worley II 30<sup>th</sup>

Space Wing commander. "This year we're shooting for number one. We can do it if we continue that ATWIND warrior spirit," he said.

The key to placing first is participation, he said. The base's goal is to register 4,389 people this year. All active-duty personnel, retirees, civilians and family members can play ATWIND.

It only takes 17 game pieces to travel around the world and be registered for all five grand-prize drawings.

For more information, go to the ATWIND Website at [www.atwind.com](http://www.atwind.com) or call (888) 597-9960 for details. Players can even log on from work, as it is considered a base activity.

Names and contact information gathered during registration are for base registration purposes only and will remain private.

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**Weekend forecast**  
Low clouds in the morning and evening with clear afternoon skies.



**Low/High**  
**45/68**

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Buckle-up!



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1<sup>ST</sup> CLASS CANDICE ANGLIN

Col. Robert M. Worley II, 30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing commander, hands a driver an Airman Against Drunk Driving card during the pre-Memorial Day weekend seatbelt safety check at the front gate May 24. The colonel and other senior staff members were out in full force to emphasize safety and the “Don’t Drink and Drive” message.

Team V’s most effective weapon -- ready or not?

By Lt. Col. Robert Miller  
30<sup>th</sup> Medical Operations Squadron

Are you ready to go wherever the Air Force needs you? The quick answer to this question from most people is a definitive “Yes.” Whether considering gear for a deployment or household items in regards to a PCS, success in the military way of life requires some advanced preparation to prevent being caught off guard when plans change at the last second.

The events of Sept. 11 highlighted this fact more than ever.

It is common to see active duty members running their checklists – finances in order, family van checked out, etc. – as they prepare their family for an unexpected temporary duty assignment or cross-country move.

However, do you have the same level of concern and personal preparation for your own health, and – most importantly – are you medically ready to deploy worldwide in a moments notice?

Just like any weapon system, the human body needs regularly scheduled maintenance to ensure the highest level of efficiency.

We frequently take this for granted – until things go wrong. As a result, the Air Force Medical Service has developed a health maintenance schedule based on prevention.

This is truly a unique program in the military that is unheard of in the civilian medical community.

The Preventive Health Assessment Individual Medical Readiness program, or PIMR, is composed of two main elements: the Preventive Health Assessment and Individual Medical Readiness.

The PHA is the mandatory annual “maintenance check” which includes clinical screening and laboratory testing determined by occupation, age, sex and individual risk factors.

The IMR is the “pre-flight check” and is composed of six factors to include the PHA, routine immunizations, dental health, laboratory tests, medical equipment – gas mask inserts for example – and physical profiles.

Combined, they provide a quick and easy avenue for commanders to determine who is deployable and qualified for worldwide service.

The 30<sup>th</sup> Medical Group’s primary mission is to ensure that

military personnel are medically qualified and ready to deploy at a moments notice.

The Primary Care Management Team concept assures we succeed in our mission.

Every military member is assigned to a PCM Team. Your PCM Team will accomplish your annual PHA and monitor your IMR status.

We are dependent on your active participation is healthcare partners.

This enables us to ensure Team Vandenberg’s compliance and currency with mandatory requirements.

Unfortunately, the PIMR program is an all or none process, therefore missing just one immunization or lab test can place you into a non-ready status.

As a team, we have made great strides in the last few months here.

Our increasing readiness rates are a result of the hard work of many units and the oversight by Unit Health Monitors.

The challenge is ongoing.

Everyone must take personal responsibility for their health to ensure that they are “mission ready” in PIMR.

Our goal is to deploy the most efficient weapon in Team Vandenberg’s arsenal – you!



Disaster Preparedness Tip of the Week

Recent events have shown that terrorists can use the postal service as a tool to spread terror. A helpful hint to avoid becoming a victim is to be aware of suspicious packages. Features to look for are: misspelled names or no return address, a title but no name or wrong title with name, excessive postage or unusual stamps versus metered mail, special handling instructions on packages like special delivery, open by addressee only, foreign mail, airmail, etc., oily stains, discoloration or strange odors.



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Commander’s Action line



Col. Robert M. Worley II  
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30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing

Mission success is our top priority, and the talented men and women of Team Vandenberg get it done with excellence.

Key to the effectiveness of any great team is good communication. The 30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing Commander’s Action Line is your direct communication link to me.

It provides an avenue for you to voice your concerns, share constructive ideas, or give your Vandenberg teammates a pat on the back.

I appreciate your input, and I am personally involved in every response.

While the Commander’s Action Line is a great way to communicate, don’t forget there are many other avenues to get answers to your questions including your chain of command, first sergeants, base services officials and other base professionals.

Thanks for helping to make Vandenberg such a great place to work and live. When calling the action line, please leave your name and phone number in case more information is needed.

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Historic, catchy quotes offer simple lessons in leadership

By Lt. Col. John Sieverling  
56<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing

What better way to explain what leadership means than by sharing several quotes that have left a lasting impression on me during 10 assignments spanning 18 years of military service.

10. “Take care of your people, and they’ll take care of you.” I’m not sure who came up with this early version of “putting people first.” It should be rather obvious, but too many superiors, myself included at times, spend too much time passing e-mail back and forth instead of getting out of the office and personally interacting with people. Loyalty and trust work both ways.

9. “If Mama ain’t happy, ain’t nobody happy.” Yes, this is a leadership quote, even if I read it on my mother-in-law’s potholder. The obligations of military duty often conflict with achieving marital bliss, but take every opportunity to make sure your significant other is enjoying the ride. Also, a quick “How’s it going?” phone call to that deployed member’s spouse will do more for retention than you will ever know.

8. “A good plan, violently executed now, is better than a perfect plan next week.” Gen. George Patton was speaking in terms of land combat, but I contend this certainly applies in peacetime as well. Nothing can be more frustrating than waiting days or weeks for the boss to make that perfect decision. Get the best information available, make the call and move ahead.

7. “Treat others like you want to be treated.” A very famous

Jewish carpenter said this more than 2,000 years ago, but the “Golden Rule” holds true in leadership situations as well.

When you think that your rank permits you to be rude or disrespectful, please seek alternative employment — you are now demanding respect instead of commanding it. That sucking sound was your departing credibility.

6. “Never tell people how to do things. Tell them what to do and they will surprise you with their ingenuity.” This is Patton’s ultimate anti-micromanagement quote. Although it’s often easier to tell your subordinates exactly how do to a particular task, who says you know the smartest way to do it? Micromanagement stifles initiative and kills motivation. The folks in the trenches know the best way, so practice “centralized control and decentralized execution” and get out of the way.

5. “You don’t get promoted; your records do.” I’m not sure when I first heard this one, but it makes enormous sense. Your subordinate may, in fact, be the sharpest officer or NCO meeting that board, but if his or her records don’t say so, too bad. Individually, make sure your records are error-free months before that board convenes.

4. “You catch more flies with honey than vinegar.” I’ve seen too many junior NCOs and officers try to use their rank to solve problems instead of using kindergarten basics like courtesy and respect. While you don’t have to “sell” your guidance, there is no reason to immediately pull rank or talk down to a subordinate. Always reach for

the carrot first; use the stick only as a last resort.

3. “When the eagles are silent, the parrots will begin to jabber.” Winston Churchill offered some great advice to those in leadership positions: glaring problems in your unit won’t go away by ignoring them and get worse as the rumor mill cranks up. Know what your airmen are concerned about and confront those issues head-on, however unpleasant it may be.

2. “Be an example to your men in your duty and in private life. Never spare yourself, and let the troops see that you don’t in your endurance of fatigue and privation. Always be tactful and well-mannered, and teach your subordinates to be the same. Avoid excessive sharpness or harshness of voice, which usually indicates the man who has shortcomings of his own to hide.” I wasn’t too fond of this long quote I had to memorize 22 years ago at the Air Force Academy, but Field Marshall Erwin Rommel puts leadership by example in a nutshell. Enough said.

1. “The three Fs of priorities: Faith, Family, and Air Force.” Not many commanders will say your job comes in third place behind your relatives and your spiritual health, but I contend this is the proper priority for a successful Air Force career of any length. Ask any former POW what carried them through their ordeal. If you are not actively growing in your faith, please visit your local chaplain or place of worship as soon as possible – there is nothing more important. (Courtesy of Air Education and Training Command News Service)



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## Team Vandenberg Spotlight

**Name:** Staff Sgt. Robert Gorman  
**Assignment:** 532<sup>nd</sup> Training Squadron Electromechanical Maintenance Instructor  
**Hometown:** San Luis Obispo, Calif.  
**Time on VAFB:** 11 months  
**Time in service:** 6 years, 6 months  
**Supervisor's Comments:** "Rob has a natural ability to teach," said 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Vernon Bevan, 532<sup>nd</sup> Support Flight commander. "He gives 110 percent to ensure his students get every bit of information they need to not only pass the course, but to excel once they become members of the missile maintenance family. He truly cares about the 2MO career field and proudly displays an outstanding attitude."

## Restoration chief earns top awards

By Master Sgt. Lloyd Conley  
30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing Public Affairs

The 30<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron's chief of environmental restoration was recently awarded the Gen. Thomas D. White award during a ceremony in Washington D.C.

Beatrice Kephart received the award for Air Force Base Restoration at Air Force and Air Force Space Command levels. She also brought home the 2001 Secretary of Defense environmental security award.

"At Vandenberg we have 99,099 acres and about 40 miles of undisturbed coastline," Kephart remarked. "I want to keep that open area clean for our children, grandchildren and the wildlife that lives on the base."

Located in the most environmentally active county in the state, protecting the environment is a monumental task here at Vandenberg.

"We have one of the largest clean up programs in the Air Force," said Lt. Col. Scott Westfall, 30<sup>th</sup> CES environmental flight commander.

The base had made some considerable progress in the early years of its Installation Restoration Program, however, a Headquarters Air Force Space Command external Environmental Compliance Assessment and Management Program audit in 1999 rated the program as "needs improvement." Westfall appointed Kephart as chief of the installation restoration program two months prior to the audit.

She was no stranger to environmental issues. Prior to her appointment, Kephart had successfully managed Vandenberg's air quality program. From the beginning, Kephart



**Bea Kephart, 30<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron chief of environmental restoration, recently received the Gen. Thomas D. White award during a ceremony in Washington D.C. The award recognizes her contributions to the base's award-winning environmental programs.**

immediately set about validating Vandenberg's funding projections for the IRP.

To improve the IRP program overall and make certain it was on the right track and consistent with Air Force and DoD standards, Kephart requested an annual peer review by the Air Force Center for Environmental Excellence and a program review by Headquarters AFSPC.

Kephart's close scrutiny and peer review helped show that the IRP here was under funded by more than \$30 million. But more importantly the results indicated that the Defense Planning Guidance closure goals were at risk of not being met.

"Now our budget is \$10 million annually, but it'll increase up to \$20 million per year from 2004 to 2007," Kephart said.

She not only secured funding for the shortfall but also garnered an additional \$2.5 million for some unfunded projects involving interim soil removal actions.

Her innovative efforts aren't

confined to the IRP though. She volunteered to pilot a program to treat solvents in the soil in the phase seven housing project area. The innovative technique treated fuel additives in the soil without removing the soil, she said. She found a contractor to do the work for half the projected cost and kept the housing project intact with regard to the number of homes built.

"Bea has provided sound leadership and management," Westfall said. "She refocused the program in less than a year and effected a complete turn around in two." During that time she was recognized as the best in AFSPC, the Air Force and the Department of Defense.

With an eye on DoD environmental cleanup goals, Kephart shortened the base cleanup process by 20 years and saved \$2 million in the process.

The AFSPC, Air Force and DoD award winner said environmental protection and conservation is simply the "right thing to do."

## Team hones honor guard skills

By Staff Sgt. Andrew Leonhard  
30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing Public Affairs

Four members of the Air Force Honor Guard visited Team V this week to help "tweak" the base's honor guard team.

The U.S. Air Force Honor Guard Mobile Training Team composed of training instructors from Bolling AFB, Washington D.C. drilled, taught and viewed Vandenberg's elite corps of 40 volunteers to help the team improve.

The mission of the MTT instructors is to standardize all training and procedures for performing military funeral honors, said Staff Sgt. John Payne, Air Force Honor Guard instructor.

Payne and the three other military instructors were focused on the "little things" this week.

"I was at the Air Force Space Command honor guard competition," said Payne.

"I saw how good Vandenberg's guard is and only the little things set them apart from Patrick AFB," he said. This year, the Patrick honor guard team won the AFSPC competition at Peterson AFB, Colo.

There were seven teams at the competition in April. Payne said even though there was only one winner, all seven teams won.

"The six other teams probably gained the most out of the competition by understanding what is required to make them elite," he said. Payne has been



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN APRIL MUNIZ

**The Vandenberg Honor Guard rehearses for a funeral detail as an Air Force Honor Guard instructor looks on. To join the base honor guard, call 606-3654.**

an Air Force honor guard member for six years.

That difference is what Team V's guard hopes to learn from this week's training to push them over the top.

Honing the team's skills and working on execution and precision is a big part of the training, said 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Sandra Quinones, 30<sup>th</sup> Services Squadron chief of plans and readiness.

Gaining the attention to detail to set Vandenberg above the rest is the goal, said Quinones.

"Next year when we go to Colorado (for the annual honor guard competition) we will win and bring home the trophy as the best honor guard in space command," she said.

Quinones hailed the all-volunteer honor guard team here.

## Firefighters serve Central Coast proudly

By Mark Farias  
Base Fire Chief

The Vandenberg Fire Department is 110 percent committed to your safety and well-being.

Each day we conduct fire safety inspections, hold fire drills, pre-plan our emergency responses and train.

Our department is a family in the truest sense of the word. We spend as much time with each other as with our families at home.

Each of our 120 firefighters is proud to serve your community and is more than willing to go the extra mile for you – the customer.

You're the reason we exist!

The department is part of the Air Force's best civil engineer squadron and consists of eight functional sections – emergency operations, fire prevention office, training division, Hot Shots, 911 dispatch center, resources and acquisitions, administration and management.

The Emergency Operations Section consists of about 90

world-class firefighters broken down into two shifts. They are trained and certified to respond to events such as structure fires, vehicle fires/rescue, wildland fires, confined space and cliff rescue plus many more.

Our fire prevention office is the wing's first line of fire defense and our ambassadors to the community.

These professionals perform engineering reviews for all construction on base, ensure building code compliance and inspect all our facilities for fire and safety hazards. They educate our citizens by visiting schools, briefing newcomers, conducting Kids' Fire Camp, and engage the media with presentations, articles and videos. Looking out for your concerns, they provide consulting services and home day-care inspections.

Our training division works hard to provide Vandenberg's Firefighters world-class training opportunities that ready them for any contingency imaginable. These experts also manage our health, safety and fitness

programs.

Our Hot Shots are the Department of Defense's only wildland firefighting team. These specialists have left their mark all across California, saving countless homes and lives. They administer the wing's fuels management plan by performing controlled burns, maintaining fire breaks and fire access roads. They also work hand-in-hand with our environmental flight to protect our resources.

The 9-1-1 dispatchers receive all emergency calls, gather the information and ensure the appropriate firefighter and rescue specialists respond to the emergency.

Your firefighters are on duty seven days a week, 24 hours a day and work out of six fire stations located strategically throughout Vandenberg's 99,099 acres to provide immediate response to residential and mission critical facilities.

Remember, the most important piece of information you can provide is the "location" of the emergency.

30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing

***Our Vision:***  
**America's finest professionals building the best spaceport and test range in the world.**

***Our Mission:***  
**To defend the United States through launch, range and expeditionary operations.**

## 111 Team V members take step up promotion ladder

■ Promotions signify that one has demonstrated the ability to do the job right, is ready for increased responsibility, up to the challenge of leading others or all of the above.

Monday, Team Vandenberg recognized 111 people for their achievements and potential during the monthly promotion ceremony at the Pacific Coast Club.

This month's promotees are:

AIRMAN	
Travis Adamick	532 <sup>nd</sup> Training Squadron
Jorge Aguirre	392 <sup>nd</sup> TRS
Brian Alvarado	Det. 1, 345 <sup>th</sup> TRS
Edward Ballard	532 <sup>nd</sup> TRS
Graciela Barajas	392 <sup>nd</sup> TRS
Cornelius Barber	Det. 1, 345 <sup>th</sup> TRS
Kristopher Barger	Det. 1, 345 <sup>th</sup> TRS
Jason Beatty	392 <sup>nd</sup> TRS
Kenneth Bennett	532 <sup>nd</sup> TRS
Jason Boyer	532 <sup>nd</sup> TRS
Russell Briggs	Det. 1, 345 <sup>th</sup> TRS
Michael Bucello	532 <sup>nd</sup> TRS
Gabriel Cadena	532 <sup>nd</sup> TRS
Nathaniel Haggart	532 <sup>nd</sup> TRS
Thomas Halan	Det. 1, 345 <sup>th</sup> TRS
Ryan Herter	392 <sup>nd</sup> TRS
Michael Hurd	532 <sup>nd</sup> TRS
Kyle Jarvis	392 <sup>nd</sup> TRS
Denzil Jennings	532 <sup>nd</sup> TRS
Julius Jones	532 <sup>nd</sup> TRS
Gabriel Ladue	Det. 1, 345 <sup>th</sup> TRS
Muhammed Lamotte	392 <sup>nd</sup> TRS
Jennifer McCord	392 <sup>nd</sup> TRS
Beverton McGill	Det. 1, 345 <sup>th</sup> TRS
Jamie Neely	532 <sup>nd</sup> TRS
Juan Recendiz	Det. 1, 345 <sup>th</sup> TRS
Jacob Reedy	532 <sup>nd</sup> TRS
Franklin Rodriguez	Det. 1, 345 <sup>th</sup> TRS
Nathan Roney	Det. 1, 345 <sup>th</sup> TRS
Jason St. Clair	Det. 1, 345 <sup>th</sup> TRS
Dustin Summers	532 <sup>nd</sup> TRS
Brantley Tucker	532 <sup>nd</sup> TRS
Ryan Venier	Det. 1, 345 <sup>th</sup> TRS
Walter Walker	392 <sup>nd</sup> TRS
AIRMAN FIRST CLASS	
Dominick Bailey	30 <sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron
Marlon Barnett	30 <sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron
Rebecca Bender	30 <sup>th</sup> CES

Brian Briggs	532 <sup>nd</sup> TRS
Erik Carlson	30 <sup>th</sup> CES
Michael Ladera	30 <sup>th</sup> CES
Robert McDaniel Jr.	30 <sup>th</sup> SFS
Suzann Mosley	392 <sup>nd</sup> TRS
Richard Rice	30 <sup>th</sup> Transportation Squadron
Andrew Russell	30 <sup>th</sup> Range Squadron
Joshua Voss	30 <sup>th</sup> SFS
SENIOR AIRMAN	
Kendron Bryant	30 <sup>th</sup> TRNS
Jacob Charlot	76 <sup>th</sup> Helicopter Flight
David Federighi	30 <sup>th</sup> SFS
Frank Gonzales	30 <sup>th</sup> SFS
Debra Holley	30 <sup>th</sup> SFS
Demorio Huggins	30 <sup>th</sup> Medical Support Squadron
Chaz King	30 <sup>th</sup> SFS
Mark Laurico	30 <sup>th</sup> Medical Operations Squadron
Ricky Matthias Jr.	30 <sup>th</sup> SFS
Theresa McFarland	576 <sup>th</sup> Flight Test Squadron
Cain Mitchell	30 <sup>th</sup> SFS
Cory Raven	30 <sup>th</sup> SFS
Erica Rozzi	30 <sup>th</sup> SFS
Steven Steiber	30 <sup>th</sup> SFS
Franky Stooksbury Jr.	30 <sup>th</sup> MDSS
Kevin Swaim	30 <sup>th</sup> TRNS
Mignon Walker	576 <sup>th</sup> FLTS
STAFF SERGEANT	
Eric Bernhard	576 <sup>th</sup> FLTS
Wendy Bowman	30 <sup>th</sup> SFS
Elisa Delgado	30 <sup>th</sup> Comptroller Squadron
Kelly Elijah	30 <sup>th</sup> SFS
Pedro Jimenez	30 <sup>th</sup> Communications Squadron
Michael Klemm	30 <sup>th</sup> CES
Dennis Leon	30 <sup>th</sup> Aeromedical-Dental Squadron
Kristopher Neely	576 <sup>th</sup> FLTS
Rebecca O'Connor	30 <sup>th</sup> Space Wing
Jenne Patterson	30 <sup>th</sup> SFS
John Raynes	30 <sup>th</sup> SFS
Trever Scott	30 <sup>th</sup> CES
Christopher Small	532 <sup>nd</sup> TRS
Kevin Williams	381 <sup>st</sup> Training Support Squadron
TECHNICAL SERGEANT	
Jeremy Bair	533 <sup>rd</sup> TRS

Rye Bavin	30 <sup>th</sup> MSS
William Bloodhart	576 <sup>th</sup> FLTS
Christopher Cothran	381 <sup>st</sup> TRSS
John Green	30 <sup>th</sup> CPTS
Michael Hansen	534 <sup>th</sup> TRS
Michelle Hanson	30 <sup>th</sup> SW
Dennis Hayes	576 <sup>th</sup> FLTS
Queiantin Jones	532 <sup>nd</sup> TRS
Stephen McCrory	533 <sup>rd</sup> TRS
Joseph Richard	576 <sup>th</sup> FLTS
Carlos Siggers	30 <sup>th</sup> CS
Christian Spevak	614 <sup>th</sup> Space Operations Squadron
Joel Taimanglo	614 <sup>th</sup> SOPS
Shane Wisener	30 <sup>th</sup> CS
MASTER SERGEANT	
Richard Arthur	30 <sup>th</sup> SFS
Bradley Blevins	532 <sup>nd</sup> TRS
Andreas Grom	Det. 1, 345 <sup>th</sup> TRS
Richard Hazen	532 <sup>nd</sup> TRS
Gregory McNeill	30 <sup>th</sup> MDSS
FIRST LIEUTENANT	
Adeyanju Woolfolk	30 <sup>th</sup> CONS
CAPTAIN	
Gabrielle Dupree	392 <sup>nd</sup> TRS
Chad Gilbert	534 <sup>th</sup> TRS
Roger Hughes Jr.	392 <sup>nd</sup> TRS
Anthony Morris	30 <sup>th</sup> RANS
Matthew Ostrander	30 <sup>th</sup> Operations Group
Mara Schmitt	30 <sup>th</sup> CON
Lee Sitton	30 <sup>th</sup> CS
Wendy Spillar	2 <sup>nd</sup> Space Launch Squadron
GS-04	
Vincent Culliver III	30 <sup>th</sup> CES
Gabriel Donald	30 <sup>th</sup> CES
GS-05	
Edward Torrijos	30 <sup>th</sup> CES
GS-11	
Charles Johnson	534 <sup>th</sup> TRS
GS-13	
Toni Robertson	381 <sup>st</sup> TRSS
WG-10	
Jimmy Sturdevant	30 <sup>th</sup> CS



# Off-duty safety critical to Air Force record

By Master Sgt. Ron Tull  
Air Force Print News

■ **WASHINGTON** — The annual 101 Critical Days of Summer safety campaign opened on a sour note over the Memorial Day weekend with a fatal motorcycle accident.

Although the one fatality is an improvement over the three off-duty fatalities for the same period last year, the Air Force is experiencing a bad year for off-duty accidents, according to John Russell, the Air Force's chief of ground safety.

The Air Force lost 56 airmen to a combination of on- and off-duty accidents in fiscal 2001. As of May 28, the Air Force had lost 54 airmen to off-duty accidents alone in fiscal 2002.

"We really need to have a strong showing during the '101 Critical Days' to hold those numbers down," Russell said. "Otherwise we very well could exceed our mishap

experience going back eight to 10 years."

According to Russell, Air Force members are experiencing many more private vehicle mishaps than normal, and the trend is high speed and loss of control.

In an effort to reverse this trend, the Air Force is reassessing all of its driving programs through an integrated process team. The team will focus on ways to target young male airmen aged 18 to 24 — the profile of the individual most likely to be involved in a fatal accident.

"It's very obvious to us that all of these mishaps could've been prevented," Russell said.

"The message we want to get to the troops is that they've got to spend more time doing personal risk assessments of both their on- and off-duty activities."

Five of the accidents this fiscal year caused multiple fatalities, killing two Air Force members in each instance.

"We see those events as tragic missed opportunities where the passenger could have influenced the outcome," Russell said.

Statistics do show fewer accidents involving alcohol than in many previous years; 13 of 54 off-duty fatalities were alcohol-related, he said.

While the Air Force studies how

to meet the challenge of preventing off-duty mishaps, the on-duty mishap numbers are not as high.

"We're showing five fatalities so far," Russell said. "Although our current on-duty experience is not good, our five-year averages show an experience of six fatalities per year."

"It's difficult to find any trends with such small numbers," he said. "Four of those five deaths occurred at the member's home station."

The Air Force has always done a good job of getting the lessons learned from each fatality situation, Russell said, noting that 2001 was the Air Force's best year ever, with only three on-duty fatalities.

"We're not in a position to set any new safety records (this year) but we don't want to set any bad ones either," he said. "We just need everyone to realize that personal safety is more critical than ever before," Russell said. *(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)*



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN APRIL MUNIZ

**Brandon Parker, 11, skies out of the "bowl" at the skate park. Parker wears the proper safety gear when at the park.**

## SKATE: Proper safety gear is a must

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Just wearing the gear doesn't cut it either.

"Wearing a helmet without having it properly strapped on isn't safe either," Cannon said. Base skateboard park users must wear a helmet, kneepads and elbow pads. "We encourage people to wear wrist pads too."

Homemade ramps are a big concern for Cannon and many skateboard park users.

"Some of the skaters are bringing bricks, concrete cinder blocks and plywood in to build their own ramps," he said. "That needs to stop — it increases the chances for an injury."

He said skaters made their suggestions when the park was

designed — everything they needed was built into the park.

"We don't need nor want homemade jumps on the professionally designed and built park," he said.

With school out, the Fitness Center staff is stepping up the frequency they monitor the skateboard park and skate arena.

"The plan is to have someone at the skateboard park for several hours a day," Cannon said. "We also encourage parents and other adults who may be at the park to help us enforce the safety rules."

Alkadhim can't answer any questions about helmet use or how cool he looks without it.

He's dead.

Dead isn't cool — it's cold.

## Fast footed chief



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN APRIL MUNIZ

**Thirtieth Space Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. Michael Morey and a dancer perform the Filipino Stick Dance at the Asian Pacific Heritage Month Banquet May 31. More than 200 people attended the banquet at the Pacific Coast Club.**



## BRIEFS: SFS, MSS, SUPF get new commanders this month

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Chamber of Commerce needs volunteers for the annual "Brushes and Blues" event Aug. 10 at La Purisima Mission. They need assistance with logistics planning, vehicle control and crowd assistance. To volunteer, call Public Affairs at 606-3595 or the chamber at 735-4567.

**AADD SAVES LIVES, NEEDS VOLUNTEERS**

The Airmen Against Drunk Driving program is now up and running. The next meeting is at 3 p.m. June 26 in the Services Center. The program is open to all Department of Defense people. Rides are confidential. For a ride, call 698-8822 or 698-8823 Thursday through Sunday. This is an opportunity to save lives. For more information or to volunteer, call Airman 1st Class Paige Ramos at 606-6070 or Tech. Sgt. Thomas Merrett at 606-9876.

**SHICK TURNS OVER MSS REINS**

The change of command ceremony for the 30th Mission Support Squadron from Maj. Lee Shick to Maj. Karen Taylor is Tuesday at 9 a.m. in the Pacific Coast Club. For

more information, call Ruth Clark at 606-6200.

**30TH SUPF GETS NEW COMMANDER**

Capt. Robert Meyers assumes command of the 30th Supply Flight from Col. Mitchell Slate at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Base Supply Warehouse, Bldg. 5500, Bay A. All Team Vandenberg members are invited. For more information, call Master Sgts. Danny Carpenter at 606-2728 or Terrence Mosley at 606-9096.

**30TH SFS CHANGES COMMAND**

The change of command ceremony for the 30th Security Forces Squadron from Lt. Col. Michael Prucey to Lt. Col. Richard Wright is Tuesday at 10 a.m. at 30th SFS, Bldg. 13675.

**COMM CLOSURES FOR FUNCTIONS**

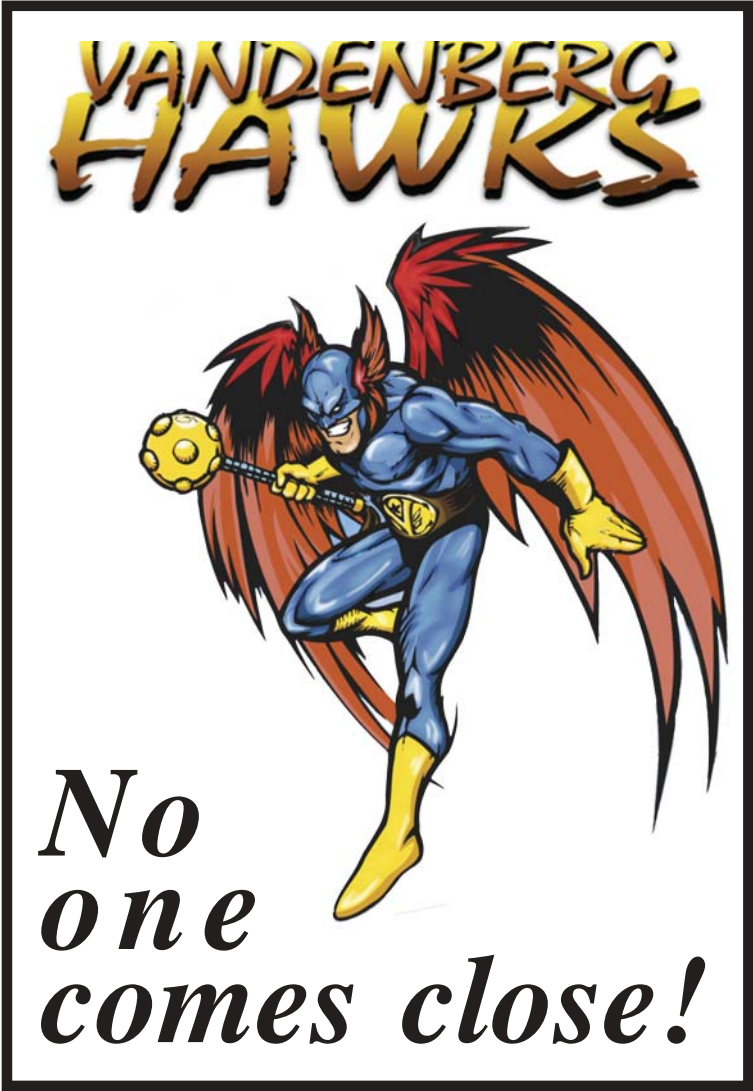
Visual Information Customer Service (Photography and Graphics, Bldg. 12000, 2nd Floor) is closed all day June 14 for their annual picnic. Customer service is closed from 9:30 a.m. to noon June 18 for 30th CS change of command. For more information, call 606-5801.

## Team Vandenberg Spotlight

**Name:** Kerry Lynn Shows  
**Assignment:** 532nd Training Squadron  
**Hometown:** Ellisville, Miss.  
**Time on VAFB:** 2 months  
**Time as government employee:** 4 years  
**Why she likes her job:** "The reason my job provides joy and satisfaction is because it provides me the awesome opportunity to serve my country. It also provides personal interaction, teamwork, new challenges, power to change things for better, opportunity to obtain further training, opportunity to advance my career and personal recognition."  
**Supervisor's Comments:** "Kerry has been with our organization a short time but is already making a great impression," said 1st Lt. Vernon Bevan, 532nd TRS Support Flight commander. "She is not afraid to take the bull by the horns and tackle the toughest project. Furthermore, she has a keen analytical mind and a real head head for numbers, which is exactly what you want in a resource advisor. Her aggressive, take charge attitude is exactly what we look for in the 532nd TRS."



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS CANDICE ANGLIN







PHOTOS BY MASTER SGT. RANDY MITCHELL

(Above)Col. Dave Nichols, 332<sup>nd</sup> Air Expeditionary Group commander, puts a knee into the chest of a would-be attacker after escaping from a rear chokehold. The “attacker” is Marine Lt. Col. James Bishop, commander of Marine VMFA 212, an F/A-18 Hornet squadron. (Left) Nichols performs a knee kick during evaluation for his tan belt. He is one of a select few Air Force people to have completed the Marine Corps Martial Art Program.

# Air Force commander passes Marine martial arts course

By MASTER SGT. RANDY MITCHELL  
332<sup>nd</sup> Air Expeditionary Group PA

■ **OPERATION SOUTHERN WATCH** — “Nothing gives one person so much advantage over another as to remain always cool and unruffled under all circumstances.”

Thomas Jefferson may have been speaking about the Marines he oversaw as commander in chief when he made that statement nearly 200 years ago. But he certainly couldn’t have envisioned an Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcon pilot, since it was still another century before flight was achieved.

Even if he had envisioned a pilot, it would not have been in the context of a pilot as a hand-to-hand combat warrior.

Col. Dave Nichols, 332<sup>nd</sup> Air Expeditionary Group commander, spent several weeks recently throwing people to the ground and taking some punishment himself in the process. When all was said and done, the colonel had earned a perfect score of 100 to qualify for his tan belt in a unique martial arts program.

He is one of a select few Air Force people to have completed the

Marine Corps Martial Art Program.

MCMAP was established within the corps to teach Marines the necessary skills needed to survive in a close combat situation.

Nichols said he had been through some hand-to-hand fighting classes before, but nothing that ever taught him how to disarm and kill a person.

“These Marines are known for their mental and physical toughness,” Nichols said. “You hear about their legendary close combat skills, but you gain an even greater respect when you are a part of the process.”

MCMAP is a belt-ranking system designed to be pursued throughout a Marine’s career, eventually leading to earning a master’s sixth-degree black belt in this unique system. The MCMAP borrows techniques from various martial arts disciplines, yet defines its own unique weapons-based style.

To go from the basic tan belt to a black belt requires Marines to also prove themselves proficient in other training areas such as swimming, marksmanship, leadership abilities and job competency. Earning a black belt means you are a

“total” Marine, one who is fully trained and has mastered not only the job, but him or herself.

The system envelops three “warrior” disciplines to take each Marine to the next level: mental, character and physical.

The Marine is mentally prepared in the study of war, while developing a combat mindset.

Character is developed through ethics, values, principles, leadership and adhering to the Marine’s core values: honor, courage and commitment.

The physical discipline is where actual fighting techniques are taught to develop physical skills, combative fitness and combat sports (martial arts)—all of which can be applied on the battlefield.

To progress from one belt to the next, each Marine must show proficiency in the four areas of physical discipline: rifle and bayonet, edged weapons, weapons of opportunity and unarmed combat.

MCMAP enables Marines to have a distinct advantage in combat, allowing them to remain cool and unruffled. They can now add an Air Force commander to that group as well. (Courtesy of Air ForcePrint News)

# Intramural sports

## Volleyball standings

American League			
TEAM	Wins	Losses	Pct.
Detachment 9	3	0	1.000
30 <sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron	2	1	.666
576 <sup>th</sup> Flight Test Squadron	2	1	.666
30 <sup>th</sup> Communications Squadron	1	2	.333
30 <sup>th</sup> Operations Group	1	2	.333
30 <sup>th</sup> Contracting Squadron	0	3	.000

(Standings as of Tuesday)

May 30 results	Tuesday’s results
30CES defeated 30CONS	30CS defeated 30CES
576FLTS defeated 30OG	30OG defeated 30CONS
Det. 9 defeated 30CS	Det. 9 defeated 576FLTS

Thursday’s schedule	Tuesday’s schedule
Det. 9 vs. 30CES	Det. 9 vs. 30OG
30CONS vs. 576FLTS	30CONS vs. 30CS
30OG vs. 30CS	576FLTS vs. 30CES

## Softball standings

American League			
TEAM	Wins	Losses	Pct.
30 <sup>th</sup> SFS No. 1	2	0	1.000
30 <sup>th</sup> OG No. 2	2	0	1.000
381 <sup>st</sup> Training Group No. 2	2	0	1.000
30 <sup>th</sup> Transportation Squadron	2	0	1.000
National Reconnaissance Office	1	1	.500
30 <sup>th</sup> SFS No. 2	1	1	.500
30 <sup>th</sup> MSS	0	2	.000
576 <sup>th</sup> FLTS No. 2	0	2	.000
30 <sup>th</sup> MDG	0	2	.000
30 <sup>th</sup> CES No.2	0	2	.000

(Standing as of Tuesday)

Tuesday’s results
30SFS No. 1 defeated 30MSS
30OG No. 2 defeated 30CES No.2
30SFS No. 2 defeated 576FLTS No.2
30TRNS defeated 30MDG
381TRG No.2 defeated NRO

Thursday’s schedule
30SFS No. 1 vs. NRO
576FLTS No.2 vs. 30MDG
OG No. 2 vs. 30TRNS
30CES No.2 vs. 381TRG No.2
30MSS vs. 30SFS No. 2

National league			
TEAM	Wins	Losses	Pct.
14 <sup>th</sup> Air Force	2	1	.666
381 <sup>st</sup> Training Group No. 1	2	1	.666
30 <sup>th</sup> Mission Support Squadron	1	1	.500
30 <sup>th</sup> Medical Group	1	1	.500
30 <sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron	0	2	.000

Monday’s results	Wednesday’s results
14AF defeated 30MDG	30SFS forfeited to 30MDG
30MSS defeated 381TRG No. 1	381TRG No. 1 defeated 14AF

Monday’s schedule	Wednesday’s schedule
30 SFS vs. 30MSS	14AF vs. 30SFS
381TRG No. 1 vs. 30MDG	30 MDG vs. 30 MSS

National league			
TEAM	Wins	Losses	Pct.
576 <sup>th</sup> FLTS No. 1	3	0	1.000
30 <sup>th</sup> CES No.1	2	0	1.000
30 <sup>th</sup> CES No.3	2	1	.667
Det. 9	2	1	.667
381 <sup>st</sup> TG No. 1	2	1	.667
30 <sup>th</sup> CS	1	1	.500
14 <sup>th</sup> Air Force	1	1	.500
76 <sup>th</sup> Helicopter Flight	1	2	.333
534 <sup>th</sup> Training Squadron	1	2	.333
30 <sup>th</sup> OG No. 1	0	3	.000
533 <sup>rd</sup> Training Squadron	0	3	.000

(Standing as of Wednesday)

Wednesday’s results
381TRG defeated OG No. 1
76HF defeated 534 TRS
576FLTS No. 1 defeated 30CES No.3
30CES No. 1 defeated 30CS
Det. 9 defeated 533TRS

Monday’s schedule
30CS vs. 14AF
576FLTS No. 1 vs. Det. 9
381TRG vs. 30CES No. 1
OG No. 1 vs. 30CES No.3
76HF vs. 533TRS

## In your face



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN APRIL MUNIZ

Howard Simpson, 30<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron, spikes the ball against Kris Saunders and Rodney Miranda, 30<sup>th</sup> Communications Squadron, Tuesday night during intramural volleyball action at the Base Fitness Center. The 30<sup>th</sup> CS defeated 30<sup>th</sup> CES two sets to none, winning their first game of the season. Intramural volleyball is played Monday through Thursday night at the Fitness Center. Games begin at 5:30 p.m.

## GOLF COURSE LOOKING FOR GOLF ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

The Vandenberg Golf Advisory Committee is seeking a field grade officer to replace the current chairman who is moving. The committee meets quarterly. If interested call the base Golf Course at 606-6262.

## COMPANY GRADE OFFICERS’ GOLF TOURNEY IS JULY 12

The Vandenberg Company Grade Officer’s annual golf tournament is July 12 at Marshallia Ranch. The cost is \$50 per 4-person team or \$15/single (plus green fees and cart). There are prizes for closest to pin, longest drive and lowest score. Get a hole-in-one and win a new car. Call Capt. Brian Simonis at 606-1939 or 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Nick Menza, 605-6461 to sign up.

Want to see more sports in your



Tell us what your team’s up to! Submit stories and ideas to:

space&missiletimes@vandenberg.af.mil

# Sport Briefs

## YOUTH BASEBALL, SOFTBALL END OF SEASON BASH

The youth sports staff is holding a end of season closing day bash Saturday at the youth ball fields. A barbeque is scheduled from noon to 3 p.m. near the youth sports snack bar. Closing ceremonies will begin at 3:30pm. Free activities will be available including jumping castle, dunk tank, hammer bell ring and giant soccer ball. Call the youth sports director Kristi Bonneau at 606-9374 for more information.

## SADDLE CLUB HOLDS WESTERN SHOW SUNDAY

The Hoyt S. Vandenberg Saddle Club will hold their Western Horse Show Sunday. This is the second of three shows scheduled for the year. Competitors and horse enthusiasts from throughout the tri-county area are expected to enter the competition. The show will be held in the main arena at the Vandenberg Saddle Club from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. A lunch, featuring Tri-Tip barbeque, will be available at the Saddle Club Cookhouse for \$5 per plate. Food and drinks are always available at the club snack bar during the show. For further information on attending or sponsoring the Hoyt S. Vandenberg Saddle Club Horse Shows, call Mike Schmeiser at 733-0834.

## 30SFS HOLDS EXCELLENCE IN COMPETITION MATCH

The 30<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron is sponsoring an Excellence in Competition rifle match June 14 and a pistol match July 12. Sign up for both matches during normal duty hours. Potential competitors may sign up by calling 605-5025 or emailing Staff Sgt. Erik Skrudland. People may also stop by the Combat Arms Range, Bldg. 21308, on San Antonio Road West. The competition is open to all active duty and reserve Air Force personnel. Only the first 100 shooters will be allowed to compete in each match. For more information, call 605-5007, 605-5005 or 605-5009.

## VANDENBERG HOLDS HALF-MARATHON JUNE 15

A half-marathon is schedule June 15. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. with race starting at 9 a.m. on North Vandenberg. For detail on location and entry procedures call Wayne Davis at 606-8828.

## OPERATION KIDS CHRISTMAS GOLF TOURNEY IS JULY 3

The Operation Kids Christmas Golf Tournament is July 3 at 11 a.m. For more information, call Master Sgt. Kenneth Lucia at 606-3663.





PHOTO BY CLIFF LIPSON/CBS

**Bob Barker, host of "The Price Is Right" game show, asks Capt. Brian Barker for his opening bid. The captain, from the Global Positioning Satellite joint program office at the Space and Missile Systems Center, Los Angeles AFB, Calif., won nearly \$60,000 in prizes.**

# Price is right for Air Force captain

BY CLEOTA DRYSDALE

Space and Missile Systems Center Public Affairs

■ **LOS ANGELES AFB, Calif.** — For Capt. Brian Barker, the price was decidedly right during a recent television appearance.

At a special "The Price Is Right" salute to the Air Force, which aired May 30, Barker won the final showcase showdown portion of the program and found himself nearly \$60,000 richer.

His total winnings were valued at \$58,900. His prizes included a 2002 Pontiac Firebird Trans Am, a Honda Shadow motorcycle, a 47-inch flat screen high-definition TV, a home theater stereo system, a baby grand piano, two sets of golf clubs and a mule chest dresser.

The Trans Am, motorcycle, and piano were all part of the showcase showdown. Barker is a lead engineer in the Global Positioning Satellite joint program office at the Space and Missile Systems Center at Los Angeles Air Force Base, Calif.

The idea behind the taping was to have an all-Air Force audience. Members from Los Angeles AFB; Edwards AFB, Calif.; and March Air Reserve Base, Calif., were invited to attend.

An element of the Air Force Band of the Golden West opened and closed the show amid wild cheering and applause.

Other winners on the program included 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Star Longo, a project engineer with the 61<sup>st</sup> Air Base Group civil engineering division here. The Beaufort, S.C., native won a 10-foot catamaran sail boat worth \$2,895.

Another contestant from Los Angeles AFB was Senior Airman Laura Willis, a re-enlistments manager with the 61<sup>st</sup> Air Base Group military personnel career enhancements office. Willis won \$16,000 in cash and a \$2,997 grandfather clock.

Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Sicily Yazzie, an intelligence apprentice in SMC's intelligence directorate, won a treadmill valued at \$1,990. (Courtesy of Air Force Space Command News Service)



## CSAF survey results show improvement in early all areas

■ **WASHINGTON** — More than 279,000 Air Force active duty and civilians spoke their mind about issues affecting their day-to-day work in the 2002 Chief of Staff of the Air Force Organization Climate Survey.

Results of the survey, which ran Jan. 22 to March 8, were briefed to Gen. John P. Jumper, Air Force chief of staff, earlier this month.

"This survey provides me and leaders at all levels in the chain of command critical information on how we are doing in our organizations," Jumper said. "We plan to use these results to make our working environments better for all Air Force people."

Results of the survey were sent to commanders Air Force-wide on May 24.

Overall, this year's survey results went up in almost all areas as compared to the 1999 results. Participants rated questions from "strongly disagreed" to "strongly agreed." The highest-rated area was unit performance outcomes. Ninety-three percent of the people agreed they are getting the mission done and are doing it well.

The area rated second highest was jobs, at 91 percent, which indicates people find their jobs motivating, important, interesting and challenging, said officials. Only 72 percent of the respondents agreed about the adequacy of resources. (Courtesy Air Force Print News)

## Airmen from Vietnam War identified

■ **WASHINGTON** — The remains of two U.S. Air Force servicemen killed in action during the Vietnam War have been identified and are being returned home to their families. They are Master Sgt. Thomas E. Heideman and Capt. Craig B.

Schiele, both of Chicago.

On Oct. 24, 1970, Heideman and Schiele were crewmembers of a CH-3E helicopter as the lead of a two-ship formation on a mission to extract friendly forces from Laos. Shortly after takeoff, the helicopter crashed into nearby dense jungle.

Forensic scientists at the U.S. Army Central Identification Laboratory, Hawaii identified the remains as those of Schiele and Heideman by compiling eyewitness accounts and other physical evidence such as personal artifacts and the human remains.

A group burial with full military honors for these two servicemen will be conducted June 7 at Arlington National Cemetery.

## June issue of Airman available online

■ **SAN ANTONIO** — Special features in the June issue of Airman magazine include an assessment of the force by the Air Force's top civilian after a year in office, airmen who start a "riot" with donated clothes at an Afghan village and volunteers who maintain dignity for fallen comrades.

In this month's issue, now available in print and online at <http://www.af.mil/news/airman>, are these stories:

— Since Sept. 11, there has been an airborne warning and control system aircraft monitoring America's skies 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Read about these dedicated crews in "All for one" at <http://www.af.mil/news/airman/0602/nato.html>

— After a year in office, Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James Roche is getting rid of "stupid rules" and keeping the force on track. See "Taking stock" at <http://www.af.mil/news/airman/0602/secaf.html>

— A group of volunteers put their hearts into handcrafting hats for cancer patients at Wilford Hall Medical Center in San Antonio. You can learn about the "Mad hatters" at <http://www.af.mil/news/airman/0602/hatters.html>

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— Nurses are in high demand these days, in and outside the Air Force. Some Air Force nurses are doing things a bit out of the ordinary. Read "Critical care in the air" at <http://www.af.mil/news/airman/0602/nurses.html>

## PRC aids in accountability of Air Force members

■ **RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas** — With the begin-

# AF Combat controller recalls Operation Anaconda

By Tech. Sgt. Ginger Schreitmueller

Air Force Special Operations Command Public Affairs

On a hilltop in a remote Afghanistan region, an Air Force combat controller put his training to the test to save the lives of his teammates and those they were sent in to help.

Staff Sgt. Gabe Brown was part of the response force sent in during Operation Anaconda, March 4. What began as a rescue mission would end with a fierce firefight during the battle of Takur Ghar.

Operation Anaconda was part of the ongoing effort in Afghanistan to root out Taliban and al-Qaida forces holed up in the Pakitia Province area of the country. The operation began March 3, with the insertion of U.S. and coalition forces into the region south of Kabul. The helicopters took fire, landing a few miles away from their objective area.

Miles away at the base camp, Brown was roused from sleep and told to start "spooling up. A helo is down."

Knowing little more than they were flying out for a rescue operation, Brown grabbed his gear and headed to the departing helicopter.

"We only had a bit of information on what was happening," said the sergeant, a nine-year combat controller assigned to an operating location of the 22nd Special Tactics Squadron at Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark.

Nearing the scene of the downed helicopter, Brown and others on board prepared for the landing. The other Air Force special tactics people on board the helicopter with Brown were Senior Airman Jason Cunningham and Tech. Sgt. Keary Miller, both pararescuemen.

"The helo was (hovering close to) the ground when we took fire," said Brown. "We were shot at by several (rocket-propelled grenades) and small arms fire. The padding that lines the inside of the helicopter was flying around like confetti. All I could think of was, 'Here we go!'"

The helicopter had landed on a flat area of mountainside. Half the area faced a cliff side with a drop off of more than 1,000 feet. The other half was dotted with trees, rocks and pathways.

Less than 20 meters from where the helicopter came to rest, a hostile group just started shooting at us nonstop, said Brown.

Four members of the rescue team were killed instantly, as the rest scrambled out of the helicopter seeking cover.

"One of the Rangers opened fire and killed one of the enemy troops," said Brown. "The shots were coming from every direction."

Knowing air power was essential, Brown took cover by a rock near the landing zone. He grabbed his communications gear and linked up with airborne aircraft.

"All I kept thinking was we needed (close air support) and we needed it now," said Brown. "My job was to concentrate on bringing in the bombs to knock out the enemy, and I knew I needed to do it fast. It was almost surreal in the sense I didn't feel as if I was in the middle of all that was happening."

From his position, the combat controller could see enemy fire coming from a small bunker off to his left.

"I had an aircraft overhead carrying 500-pound bombs, but the 'bad guys' were too close to our position to drop that much ammo without risking our lives. I waved the pilot off the bomb run. I had him come around and strafe the area with guns," said the sergeant.

The aircraft made a low and hard sweep over the entrenched area, popping off rounds at the enemy troops.

"You could see the snow flying off the ground near the bunker and I knew he was hitting it," said Brown.

The aircraft made several more passes at the enemy before indicating he was out of ammo.

Despite the thousands of rounds pitting the area, the al-Qaida forces kept firing.

"I kept yelling across the area at the platoon leader about our options to eliminate the bunker," said Brown. "We coordinated on what we needed to do to 'frag' out the enemy and blow the bunker. We knew the bad guys were still hiding in the bunker. We were already two hours into the fight and it was only going to get worse if we couldn't take down their position."

Using his close air support training and skills, Brown targeted the spot using precision bombs. The need was urgent as additional al-Qaida troops were pulling up the mountaintop toward the U.S. team.

"If we couldn't kill the bunker, we were going to be surrounded," said Brown. "We knew that we had enemy soldiers hiding in the terrain to our (right). Effectively, they were moving in on us and we had nowhere to go."

The danger close-call proved effective, as the bombs skidded across the side of the mountain just in time and collapsed the bunker.

"The noise was just like it sounds in the movies," said Brown. "You could smell the burning pine off the trees and see the snow kicking off the ground."

Staying on the "comm" link with his airborne support, the sergeant kept glued to the rock protecting himself from the volley of enemy fire. The temperatures were extreme, barely hovering above freezing. Minutes seemed like hours, and hours passed in minutes.

"It is not a stress I'd recommend to anyone," he said. "Our training prepares us for the worst possible scenarios, and this was one of those scenarios you pray is never a reality. The intensity is there and the longer it goes on the harder you fight."

But with the bunker out of action and the enemy forces moving up toward the Americans, Brown turned his attention to the rock and tree cluster on the other side of the landing zone.

"Since I couldn't use target designators, I needed some marking to be able to talk the bombs onto target," said Brown. "I used a small tree I referred to as the bonsai tree as a reference point."

Brown cleared a fighter pilot to drop bombs. When the smoke cleared the tree was now just a stick in the ground, he said.

Enemy resistance waned and Brown took a breath. The reality of the firefight sank in. Somewhere in the midst of the battle his friend and teammate, Cunningham, had been hit, the wounds fatal. The pararescueman was among seven killed on the mountainside that day.

"A lot happened in those 14 to 15 hours," said Brown. "There will always be the variables you can't control. Throughout the events you are mentally tired and mentally alert. You can only focus on what needs to be done right then and there. You grieve later."

As the Americans gained control over the maddening firefight, other teams were cleared to come in and pull them out.

The close air support stopped the enemy from overrunning the Americans on the mountain, and provided a show of force against those seeking to reinforce the enemy troop movements.

With the landing zone cleared and darkness falling, the Americans were extracted from the mountaintop. Two helicopters moved in to pull out the wounded, the survivors and those who had given their lives in the fight against terrorism. (Courtesy Air Force Print News)

ning of the 2002 hurricane season, Air Force Personnel Center officials here are reminding airmen that the Personnel Readiness Center here can assist them when natural disasters strike.

The PRC is charged with coordinating an Air Force response to emergencies and natural disasters with 24-hour operations during cri-

sis situations.

In emergencies, members can reach the PRC toll free at (800) 435-9941, DSN 665-2020 or 665-3483, or commercial (210) 565-2020/3483.

"Evacuated members are encouraged to contact us and provide their safe haven address, phone, etc.," said Tech. Sgt. Stephen Shortland, noncommis-

sioned officer in charge of readiness operations here.

The PRC creates a database for everyone assigned to a base threatened by a natural disaster and updates the data with the member's location, emergency number and other pertinent information when the member calls the PRC. (Courtesy of AFPC News Service)

## Heave ho!



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. DANIELLE UPTON

**Senior Airman Jerome Wilkins, a driver from the 379<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Supply Squadron petroleum, oils and lubricants flight, pulls the fuel hose from a truck during a**

**KC-10 Extender refueling May 27 at Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar.**



# S<sup>30<sup>th</sup></sup> Services

# NEWS

## ATWIND EVENT! READING IS OUT OF THIS WORLD!

**June 21 to August 3**  
**Summer Reading Program**  
**for Ages 3 to 13.**

Packets can be pickup from 21 June to 20 July.

### Categories of Readers:

Just Starting (3-5)  
Beginner Readers (6-7)  
Intermediate (8-10)  
Advanced (11-13)

**EVERYONE** who signs up can get a certificate and prizes. (Those who are leaving VAFB before August 3, let the library know so you can get your certificate and prizes.)

### PARTY August 3

Turn in Astro-Reading Record NO LATER THAN August 2 if you want to enter for the Top Readers. (Need not be present to win)

Parents: This is an on-your-own reading program. Kids can read whatever you judge as appropriate for their age and reading level. The library will have reading lists for suggested reading in many interest areas and age groups.

Kids can stop by each week to pick up stickers, activity sheets, a small prize and an **ATWIND** ticket.

Vandenberg Base Library,  
Summer Reading Program 2002.  
Call 606-6414 for more information.

## OUTDOOR REC

### WHITE WATER RAFTING TRIP

June 22 or 23. One-day trips,  
\$55 per person.

### DAY AT THE BEACH -

in Santa Barbara, June 15. \$5 per person. Depart 9:30 a.m., return 5:30 p.m.

### DEEP SEA FISHING -

at Port Hueneme Sportfishing, June 28. Cost \$65 per person (\$60 with own setup). Sign up deadline and pre-trip briefing, June 26 at 5 p.m. Depart 1 a.m. from Equipment Checkout, return to Vandenberg AFB approximately 7 p.m. **ATWIND event!**

### BIKE TRIP TO SAN DIEGO -

Trip Dates: June 20, 21, 22, 23 and Sept. 19, 20, 21, 22  
Cost: \$275 per person (includes motels) We will be biking through... Huntington Beach, Newport and Laguna Beach, San Juan Capistrano, overnight in Carlsbad. Pre-ride meeting: Thursday, 4 p.m. at Outdoor Rec, 11238. **ATWIND event!**

For more information on the activities listed above, call Curtis Dunster at 606-5908.

## FITNESS CENTER

### BASE VARSITY FLAG FOOTBALL TEAM

will be holding tryouts at the Vandenberg Middle School field, Monday, 6 p.m. The coach is Richard Welty. Please direct any questions to Rod Paronto at 606-3832.

### LUNCHTIME BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Today at noon in the Fitness Center.

## ROD & GUN


**SATURDAY - ATWIND event**  
Bullseye Pistol shoot, 8 a.m.

**SUNDAY - ATWIND event**  
Sporting Clays shoot, 8 a.m.

## GOLF









**SATURDAY -**  
Men's Club Tournament  
Ping Golf Demo Day, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY -**  
Ladies Priority, 8:32 to 9:04 a.m.



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*Team Vandenberg: It's time to play...*

# ATWIND This Week's Places to Play!

## Today through Thursday

### FRIDAY -

Outdoor Rec - Camping Package Rental  
Golf Course - All day  
Library - All day  
Rod & Gun - All day  
Pacific Coast Club - Social Hour (members), 5 p.m.

### SATURDAY -

Rod & Gun - Bullseye Pistol Shoot, 8 a.m.  
Outdoor Rec - Whitewater Rafting  
Bowling Center - Youth Bowl  
Golf Course - Youth Golf  
Skills Auto Hobby - All day  
Chapel - Women's Bible Study, 10 a.m., RE Admin Bldg

### SUNDAY -

Rod & Gun - Sporting Clays Shoot, 8 a.m.  
Outdoor Rec - Bass Club Tournament  
Foggio's - Family Dining  
Chapel - Torah Study, 9 p.m., call 605-7564 for details

### MONDAY -

Pacific Coast Club - Lunch, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Vet Clinic - All day

### TUESDAY -

Breakers/AETC - Lunch  
Bowling Center - Eat all day  
Services Center - Single Parents Group, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Family Support Center - Pre-separation Briefing, 8 to 9 a.m.  
Family Support Center - How to Start a Small Business, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.  
HAWC - Cholesterol/Heart Disease/Dietary Actions, 9 to 11 a.m.  
Chapel 1 Annex - Protestant Bible Study, 7 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY -

Swimming Pool - Water Aerobics, 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.  
Fitness - Total Body Conditioning, 9 to 10 a.m.  
Equipment Checkout - Rental Day  
Golf Course - Lunch, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Family Support Center - Resume Writing, 9 to 11:30 a.m.  
Breakers - Men's Bible Study, 6 a.m.

### THURSDAY -

Services Center - Leisure Travel tickets & Natural Knead, all day  
Bowling Center - Bowl all day  
Library - Story Time, 10 a.m.  
Skills Arts & Crafts - All day  
Family Support Center - US Citizenship Prep Class, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.  
HAWC - Sensible Weigh, 8 to 9:30 a.m.  
HAWC - Cholesterol/Heart Disease/Dietary Actions, 9 to 11 a.m.  
Chapel - Catholic Bible Study, 7 p.m., call 606-5773 for details.

*Go to 30svs.com for more ways to play!*

Saturday - from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Pine Canyon Lake (on base) the Youth Center and Outdoor Rec will be hosting the...

## 2002 WALMART KID'S ALL-AMERICAN FISHING DERBY

This event is FREE if under 16 years of age. NO fishing license is required. Certificates will be awarded to ALL participants, and prizes will be given for many different categories. No Federal endorsement of sponsors intended.

# TOUCH A TRUCK

Lots to see, lots to touch!

## BOWLING

### Come out and bowl...

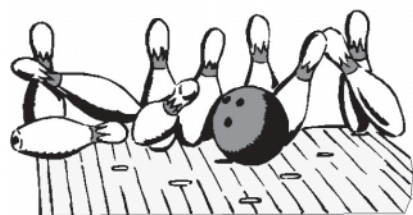
through June 30, you can play Bonanza Bingo all day for \$1 per card. Win up to \$1,000! Over \$16,888 paid out to date.

### FRIDAY & SATURDAY -

Thunder Alley/Rock 300 hours are 9 p.m. to midnight. Cost: \$9, Youth with Youth Center ID, \$7. Rock 300 request music, 734-1340.

### NOTICE -

The Bowling Center is closed on Sundays, through September 8.

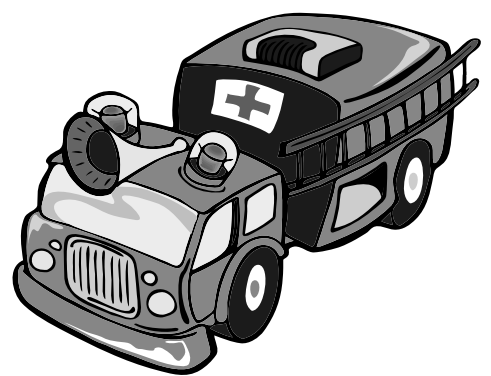


### ATWIND EVENT

## Saturday

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
at the Parade Grounds  
**FREE**  
*to everyone!*

Call the Services Center for more information, 606-7976.



## YOUTH CENTER

### STARTING IN JUNE...

## MUSIC LESSONS!

*Offered by*

**Coelho Academy of Music**  
Guitar, keyboard, drum, flute  
and vocal lessons are available  
(individual or group)

You may call or come in to the Youth Center now to sign up or meet the Coelho Academy reps at the Youth Center on June 12, 5 p.m. and June 15, 2 p.m.  
Call the Youth Center at 606-2152 for more information.

